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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows: